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Public Employees Benefits Board
Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2005
HCA Center Conference Room
676 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA
1:00 p.m.

Members Present

Steve Hill
Frances Locke
Eugene Lux
Yvonne Tate
Gary Robinson
Christine Sargo
Margaret Stanley

Members Absent

Greg Devereux
Dr. Penny Palmer

Call to Order

Steve Hill, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Sufficient members were present to allow a quorum.

Approval of July 12, 2005, PEBB Meeting Minutes

Chair Hill pointed out to members that a slide presented at the July 12, 2005, meeting contained an error. Richard Onizuka gave a presentation on the Medicare subsidy rate and a slide presenting the information depicted a rate of \$131.84. The correct rate is actually \$131.87—a three cent difference. The July 12, 2005, minutes reflect the correct subsidy rate. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the amended July 12, 2005, PEBB Board meeting minutes.

Part-Time Faculty Eligibility Criteria

Chair Hill pointed out to Board members that they would be voting on the eligibility criteria embedded in the rules, but that authority to adopt the rules rests with the Administrator of the Health Care Authority (HCA).

Mary Fliss, Assistant Administrator for the PEBB Program, gave a summary of the *Mader v HCA* settlement agreement which grants eligibility for the employer share of PEBB benefits to part-time community and technical college instructors during their off season. The proposal before the Board for consideration extends the changes to the WAC made under the April 2005 emergency rule through April 2006, during which time the HCA will complete a good faith review mandated in the settlement agreement. This review will enable the HCA to understand how granting off season coverage to those who work less than 50% time each quarter, but average 50% over time over the course of the academic year, and analyze any financial and operational implications of the rule changes to other agencies.



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Ms. Fliss also gave an overview of the principles to be applied to this review, the process and the series of reports that would be generated from the good faith review, and timelines for each.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposal. The Board voted to adopt the eligibility criteria for part time community college academic employees as proposed in the CR 102 for WAC 182-12-115.

Public Comment

No public comment received.

Chair Hill reviewed upcoming meeting dates with Board members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hill, Chair